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SUBJ: QUEBEC ELECTION: DISSENT IN PQ RANKS

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1. AS NOTED REFTTEL, RENE LEVESQUE HAS BEEN DOWN-PLAYING INDEPENDENCE MOTIF, TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THURSDAY'S MONTREAL STAR'S BANNER HEAD WAS: "PQ PUTS INDEPENDENCE ON ICE" AND SAYS LEVESQUE HAS PUT THE WORDS "INDEPENDENCE" AND "SOVEREIGNTY" IN COLD STORAGE.

2. THIS MAY ALLAY SOME FEARS IN SOME QUARTERS, BUT IT HAS REOPENED THE RADICAL-MODERATE RIFT IN THE PARTY. ROBERT BURNS, PQ LEADER IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND TWO OTHER PQ CANDIDATES, MNA CLAUDE CHARRON AND GUY BISAILLON, YESTERDAY READ A "STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY" EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT "NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IS THE ONLY INSTRUMENT WHICH WILL GIVE CONSTITUENTS WHAT THEY NEED TO COLLECTIVELY ORGANIZE A PROPER LIFE FOR THEMSELVES," AND STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF PURSUING THE PARTY'S FOUNDING GOAL.

3. CHALLENGE TO LEVESQUE'S LEADERSHIP HAS OBVIOUS IMPLICATIONS NOT ONLY FOR PARTY'S CAMPAIGN AND ELECTORIAL RESULTS BUT ALSO FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TACTICS, WHETHER PARTY WINS ELECTION, AS LEVESQUE CLAIMS IT WILL, OR IS AGAIN THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION.

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